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Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 12:34:08 CST
From: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: BOATANCHORS digest 2760

BOATANCHORS Digest 2760

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by Ken Lopez <kjlopez@earthlink.net>

Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 16:00:35 -0800
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: jan@skirrow.org
Subject: Re: Fluke question - and Viking I
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Message-Id: <E120Cjf-0000YK-00@mail.islandnet.com>

Hi Al ...

> The university a nephew attended was throwing out old
>test equipment (replacing all with new). He pulled a couple
>of pieces out of the trash and gave one to me: a Fluke 8050A
>Digital Multimeter. No book of course.

This is a nice instrument. The way to maximize battery life is to charge
fully - run off batteries until they discharge completely and then
recharge. This is what Fluke suggests.

The second best way (as I understand it) is to keep it plugged in all the
time thus keeping the batteries at full charge. But when you use it as a
portable, it's probably best to then use it on batteries until they run
down completely, and then plug it in. However, as Fluke says, the NiCad mfr
says that the batteries should be cycled through their cycle at least once
every 90 days. NiCads have an ability to "learn" that can result in less
ability to absorb a charge if they aren't cycled fully.

The manual says the batteries should run the instrument for about 8 hours.

>somewhat. Instructions copy would sure help.

Is the big "instructions" decal missing from the underside? If so I can
send you a copy.

Cheers

Jan Skirrow, VE7DJX

... in sunny (sometimes rainy) Maple Bay, BC, Canada

"So many radios, so little time"

Please note the new URL for Boatanchor Dreams:

<http://www.skirrow.org/Boatanchors/>

Information, Parts, Pictures, Articles: The R-390A
and other classic gear.

Also, my new e-mail address is:

jan@skirrow.org

From: KB9VU@aol.com
Message-ID: <0.7711b1f4.2590302f@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 20:21:51 EST
Subject: Drake B Line relist
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
CC: baswaplist@foothill.net, drake@qth.net
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I've had several inquiries to split the station. This relist will add prices for the individual items.

Complete "B" Line available. R4B, T4XB, AC4, MS4, Mic, cables, Original manuals, Spare tube set with finals (all NOS) and various other hardware.

| | |
|--------------------|-------|
| R-4B Receiver: | \$350 |
| T-4XB Transmitter: | \$150 |
| AC-4 Power Supply: | \$ 80 |
| MS-4 Speaker | \$ 50 |
| Spare Tubes | \$ 50 |

Complete Station including spare PA/Power meter for the TX: \$600

All items PLUS packing and shipping. Will travel a reasonable distance from St. Louis to facilitate pickup.

Cosmetics: Good with normal wear on cabinets (few scratches and rubs). Panels are very good with no large marks or dings. Panels show normal use. Both main tuning knobs are original and show wear. Chassis' show some discoloration on the upper copper surfaces and are dusty. MS-4 Cabinet is fair to good (can be refinished).

Electrical: The station receives on all installed (10 - 160) bands and transmits on all bands (10-160). No electrical problems noted during testing.

I'll verify functionality and warrant that the radios work and appear as stated above. If you don't like what you receive, send them back in the same condition as you received them for a refund of the purchase price. All reasonable offers will be considered. Trades for Collins equipment or TR7 Line equipment also considered.

73 and Merry Christmas to all.

Mike, KB9VU

Message-ID: <385F22E0.3EE6@digizen.net>
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 22:49:04 -0800
From: Charles Kadesch <chas@digizen.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Viking II keying kit query
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

EFJ apparently sold a "keyer kit" (250-31) for the Viking II. Does anyone have any info on it?
Thanks.
Chas W3KC

Message-Id: <199912211231.dBLCV0x16813@jackatak.theporch.com>
From: listown@jackatak.theporch.com (List Admin/Owner Radio Mail Lists)
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: The mailer glitch of the Weekend
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 6:31:23 -0600 (CST)

Rather than write the same answer to everyone who wrote me to ask about the strange emails with no subject and bugged headers, it seemed better to advise everyone of what happened.

Late last week, someone sent a message to the list that contained an attachment, which got through the filters... in response, I elected to

install a different version of the filter which would block the offending attachment type...

However, this different filter version had a bug, which caused the funky headers and the "Stop: 0.0.0.0"... We didn't realize the bug until several messages were sent through and the complaints began rolling in.

Through some very quick response by Phil and Steve, the situation was repaired and a still newer version of the filter is now in place.

You can help, by adjusting your mailer to use PLAIN text and NOT HTML, and by NOT attempting to send attached files, vcards, and other odd aberrations through the list.

Please be considerate of the others on the list who may not be using the latest whiz-bang fancy emailers, and who may choose or have to use regular text-based mail readers. These plain text mail readers are the de facto standard for email lists, most particularly this list.

Thanks for your help and cooperation.
Hope this explains the mystery.

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73

Jack, W4KH/Mobile - - - Mailing List Archiver/Owner - - -
listown@jackatak.theporch.com - "Plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose"
"Il n'y a que les idiots qui ne changent jamais d'idee"

Message-Id: <199912211715.dBLHF1018316@jackatak.theporch.com>
From: listown@jackatak.theporch.com (Mail List Owner)
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: ADMINISTRIVIA: Over Quoting
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 99 11:15:01 CST

Gang-

Apparently the gentle nudge and suggestion approach to the issue of improving the quality of posts to the BoatAnchors list, and maintaining our excellent (and high) signal to noise ratio is falling on DEAF EYES!

PLEASE READ THIS AND SAVE IT BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT!!!

The list culture is to include only those portions of a prior post that are required to maintain the context of your comments. We have always tried to reduce the amount of "chaf" on the list, and this is one good way.

In private mail between you, a subscriber, and me,, as list manager, I really don't care one way or the other, but when posting to the list, there are at least two issues of concern:

- 1) the increased bandwidth from including extra text.
With the trial subscriptions and full members, the number of copies of each post mailed out change the impact of each extra word so that each single character becomes 1,000 characters of mail!
- 2) by not editing out included text, it sends a not at all subtle message to the list, that the poster considers his/her own time required to merely swipe his mouse across the text and tap the delete key, to be more valuable than the collective time and energy of the 600-700 readers on the list... not exactly a "positive" message! ;^)

This isn't rocket science... you place the pointer at the top of the message you are including *parts* of, and click-drag to where you need to include, and then hit the backspace or delete key... painless, easy, quick, and very helpful to the list.

PLEASE begin to pay attention to this... those who consistently can not be bothered to be considerate of the list will forfeit posting privileges and risk not being invited back for membership.

Treat the list as a symposium. In such an environment, with 600 others attending who have paid to be there, it is unlikely you would repeat someone else's portion of a conversation in its entirety as part of your own remarks... it would become very tedious, very quickly, if you did... especially if you repeated even the closing signature block of the previous message.

Thanks for your understanding and help in making the boatanchors list have the highest signal to noise on the InterNet.

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73

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listown@jackatak.theporch.com - "Plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose"
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Tue Dec 21 11:15:00 CST 1999

Message-Id: <3.0.5.32.19991221095158.007c8b70@pop.igc.org>
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 09:51:58 -0800
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Dick Dillman <ddillman@igc.org>
Subject: RE: Resurrection
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 01:37 PM 12/20/99 -0500, Pete Ferrand wrote:

>Looks like you did it, congratulations. Enjoyed reading the tale.

Thanks, Pete. I may be premature to say we have actually "done it" since there are many hurdles remaining between turning on a transmitter and having the actual, working station open to the public. As I'm sure you know such projects are not without their difficulties! But I will keep you and the rest of the gang informed about our progress.

Best regards,

Dick

On Foreign Assignment on: Long Island

Dick Dillman, W6AWO

Chief Operator at K6KPH of the Maritime Radio Historical Society

Collector of Heavy Metal:

Harleys, Willys and Radios Over 100lbs.

Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 14:06:11 -0500
From: BEN NOCK <G4BXD@compuserve.com>
Subject: SCR-Xmas ?
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Message-ID: <199912211406_MC2-91FA-55CD@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Disposition: inline

A very merry xmas and a great new millennium to all our =
readers. =

SCR ? Santa Clause Receivers ?

lets hope he remembers, hi. =

best 73, Ben G4BXD
<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/G4BXD>
<http://www.qsl.net/g4bxd/>

From: AA5QT@aol.com
Message-ID: <0.5f9a2c20.2591467b@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 16:09:15 EST
Subject: FS: E F Johnson Thunderbolt linear
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Nice shape, works fine, with original manual and EFJ attenuator, \$400. I don't want to ship it, but will meet within 100 miles of Houston.

This was "sold" to a list member, but he backed out of the deal before even seeing it.

73, Gary K5QT

Message-Id: <3.0.3.32.19991221181349.00a2169c@mindspring.com>
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 18:13:49 -0500
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: john <johnmb@mindspring.com>
Subject: SE AM Swapnet question, and Ranger Grid Drive
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

I heard reference to a SE AM Swapnet on the air today...anyone have any time/freq information?

Also, I put my Ranger II on 10m for a very enjoyable QSO ...great to have 10 back in good shape. I noted at the end of the QSO, that the grid drive had wasted away to near nil. A "cool off" solved this, but it goes away after the rigs been on for 45 min or so. Before I dive in, is there leading candidates to suspect that I should look at first? For the volume of the Ranger, there's few rigs that generate as much heat as they do (or as much fun, for that matter!)

Thanks!
John

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| John Brewer- WB50AU/4
| AMI #24 Vintage Radio Website
| <http://www.old-radios.com>
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Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 16:27:23 -0800
From: Arden Allen <gumbear@pacbell.net>
Subject: Don't throw away the peanuts!
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Message-id: <0FN400GRL9C1PH@mta2.snfc21.pbi.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Boatanchor shippers;

When receiving a package that was filled with peanuts I used to mutter expletives as I bagged the stuff up and carted the bags to the garbage can. Not any more. I made two discoveries approximately concurrently and thus have reinvented the art of peanut packing. I used to save the plastic market shopping bags for the recycling can at the local market. I would stuff bags into one until it was full and then tie it shut. After I had a good collection of bagged bags, off to the market they would go to get recycled. It occurred to me one day that these bags of bags make good pillows at I used one to rest my head against the ill fitting headrest in my car while trying to grab half a wink waiting in a parking lot. "Hey, these would make great packing materials", and back home came the bagged bags. My next encounter with the reviled peanuts required the usual stern measures,I thought. Being resourceful in the best BAist tradition, I grabbed a not yet closed bag of bags and started stuffing handfuls of peanuts into a bag while exorcising evil spirits with the usual incantations. When a bag got full I tied it shut. "Is this deja vu all over again or what?" I now had another kind of bags of shipping stuff!!!!

So here it is, the new environmentally and boatanchor friendly (normally mutually exclusive attributes) shipping material: Using peanuts in plastic grocery bags, multi-bagged for durability, you can custom make shipping cushions to fit all of the spaces between the BA and the box. No more shaking down of the peanuts and shifting of the load. The peanuts, being tightly contained in bags, are now much easier to stuff into tight places to get better packing material density. Try it, Mother Nature will love you for it too!

Arden Allen KB6NAX Vallejo, CA gumbear@pacbell.net

Message-Id: <3.0.6.32.19991221210912.0094f900@mail2.coastalnet.com>
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 21:09:12 -0500
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Al Parker <anchor@coastalnet.com>
Subject: Re: Don't throw away the peanuts!
Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hi Arden,

Strange minds work (go) in the same strange circles.
I've been doing that for quite some time.

Sorry I can't be at the next Livermore swap ; -)
73,

Al, W8UT

New Bern, NC

BoatAnchors appreciated here
anchor@coastalnet.com

Message-ID: <386035BE.7B@worldnet.att.net>
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 21:21:50 -0500
From: "John Dilks, K2TQN" <oldradio@worldnet.att.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
CC: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Don't throw away the peanuts!
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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> to get better packing material density.
>
> Arden Allen KB6NAX Vallejo, CA gumbear@pacbell.net

Arden,

The Golden 2000 award goes to you. What a great idea!

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73' John Dilks, K2TQN

QST Old Radio Column - Support Page
<http://www.eht.com/oldradio/arrl/>

"Page 2" all about Antique Wireless & Radio History
<http://www.eht.com/oldradio/awa/>

The New Jersey Antique Radio Club
<http://www.eht.com/oldradio/>

Please visit my OldRadio Museum
<http://www.eht.com/oldradio/museum/>

From: "Pete Ferrand" <pete@vermontel.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: RE: Don't throw away the peanuts!
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 04:09:09 -0500
Message-ID: <NDBBINAMKKBBCHMFOAJBGEEMDJAA.pete@vermontel.net>

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Yes, this arrangement works just fine, I've been shipping things this way for several years without any kind of failure. Wouldn't use it to ship an R-390 or anything else beyond the capacity of the peanuts, but it has always kept the items in perfect position through the shipping and solves the issue of the peanuts settling. Only limitation is that not having a family to feed, I don't have that many plastic bags. Actually I've used paper bags like this and they work OK too.

-p

Message-ID: <3860D197.85DB46FC@lenzlink.net>
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 08:26:47 -0500
From: knepper <knepper@lenzlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Telegraphy and Railroads
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Could someone please give me a little background on the use of telegraphy on the railroad, particularly, those men who were telegraphers along the tracks in those small signalling buildings. I knew of a ham who lived in Summerville, PA and worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad as a telegrapher until his retirement in the

60's. I am suggesting in a short paper that this notion of "connected communities" using the Internet had its inception, perhaps, with the miles of wire strung overhead on those poles and glass insulators between towns located on a railraod siding long before the advent of the T-1 lines, etc. Your thoughts would be appreciated on this theme.

David Knepper, W3ST
Publisher of the Collins Journal
the official publication of the Collins Radio Association
website: <http://www.pixi.com/~jenkins/collins/index.html>

Message-ID: <A96271B9ED2BD211BAF80008C7F41F5D79E6B9@lib.drury.edu>
From: "Mike O'Brien" <mobrien@lib.drury.edu>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: "'boatanchors@theporch.com'" <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: RE: Telegraphy and Railroads
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 08:02:46 -0600
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="windows-1252"

Dave,

There's a book you might ought to read. Came out a couple of years ago. The title, if memory serves, is "The Victorian Internet." Fascinating subject. Makes you wonder if there really is anything new under the sun. Which reminds, check the moon tonight for a once-in-a-lifetime sight...

73, Mike, K0MYW

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Sent: 12/22/99 7:26 AM
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Message-Id: <3.0.1.32.19991222091748.006a644c@miavx1.muohio.edu>
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 09:17:48 -0500
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: "James C. Garland" <4CX250B@miavx1.acs.muohio.edu>
Subject: Re: uhf to type N angle connector
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

>I don't understand why anyone would want to change from a good "N" type
>connector
>to a "UHF" connector.I converted to the "N" connector 30 years ago.
>
>The type "N" is a constant impedeance water proof connector that is easy
>to install.
>Which is most likely why Collins used them.
>They can also be re-moved and re-used without very much trouble.
>They are cheap and plentiful at hamfest. Many a time I've traded (1) one
>PL259 for 5 or 10 "N" connectors.
>

Hi Gang,

I'm afraid I don't agree with this advice. I've used N-connectors for years, since my station uses motorized Transco "Y" relays and rotary coax switches to transfer antennas, switch between rigs, etc. Most large military switches and relays use N-connectors. Unfortunately, I've had nothing but trouble with them. Here are the problems:

1. Outdoor Use: For long outdoor runs of coax, the center pins tend to pull out of the mating connector because of shrinking of the cable. This problem shows up as loss of receive signal. Clicking on the transmitter often reestablishes contact temporarily, but over the long run the resulting arcing creates permanent disfunction.

2, Mechanical strength: One can almost hang on a properly insalled PL259 because of the strength of the soldered braid. Not so for N connectors. It is very easy to pull the cable out of the connector, since it is held in place only by the folded back wires on the braid and the rubber gasket. Twisting or flexing of the cable will frequently lead to a bad connector join.

3. Power handling: A Type N will handle legal limit okay (at least at HF frequencies), so long as it is matched into a 50 ohm resistive load. However, if you're using a tuner, you can develop voltages that can flash over an N-connector. I've got a fried N-connector on display on my workbench. It came from my Transco 6PST antenna transfer relay, and was blasted with my homebrew 8877 amp. I've NEVER arced over a properly installed PL-259.

4. Cost: Used to be that new N-connectors could be purchased for about \$0.50 at hamfests, but not since the VHF/UHF crowd discovered them. A nice teflon-silver PL-259 costs about \$1.00 to \$1.25 at Ohio hamfests, including Dayton. A new N-connector costs about three times as much.

For HF use, I strongly recommend the tried-and-true PL-259. The impedance bump at HF frequencies is negligible, the connectors are cheap, rugged, and reliable. For outdoor use, they can be made perfectly waterproof with a small amount of silicon grease on threads and careful taping with Scotch 88 (or similar) all-weather plastic tape. I've had PL-259s outdoors for 20+ years in Ohio (where it rains all the time--or so it seems--, with extreme temperature fluctuations) and never had a problem with any of them.

73,

Jim Garland W8ZR

Message-ID: <3860F68E.9673A799@revealed.net>
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 10:04:30 -0600
From: Mike Souhrada <wb9iog@revealed.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Junk Box Goodies Bliley
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Found one of these sitting on a shelf-no use to me
at the current moment-not even sure what device it was used
in.

Free for postage, or whatever.

Temp compensating xtal stabilizer TCO-1A

6.3 v .85 a 75 deg C

Not sure if it works but everything is inside.

Mike

Happy Holidays

SKI IOWA!

Message-ID: <3860F8C7.15B61A3F@geo-thermal.com>
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 10:13:59 -0600
From: Lenox Carruth <carruth@geo-thermal.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
CC: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Telegraphy and Railroads
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David, there is a book whose title is "The Victorian Internet" by Tom Standage, Walker Publishing Company, Inc., 1998, ISBN 0-8027-1342-4 which proposes the same thesis. Quite interesting.

knepper wrote:

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Lenox

Lenox Carruth Dallas, TX carruth@geo-thermal.com
Collector of WW-II Communications Equipment and Memorabilia

Wanted: TBX accessories, GY-11, WW-II Link A-12 Sextant

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: boatanchors@theporch.com
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 10:58:08 -0600
Subject: Re: uhf to type N angle connector
Message-ID: <19991222.110119.-291387.8.jackiv@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
From: JACK Iverson <jackiv@juno.com>

I must agree with Jim Garland on this, the use of PL-59 vs "N" connectors. the -59 connectors, PROPERLY soldered and moisture sealed will give excellent service.

The ac breakdown voltage of the -59 connector is very high, I have used them at 9kv ac with no breakdown (at 60 hz). this is with silicone insulating compound in the back of the connector as well as in the mating space. As Jim will agree, a 100 to 150 watt iron is a necessity to solder the shield to the barrel. enough of this, thanks for the space.

73,, old jack

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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

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Subject: AES ... bah humbug.. :-)

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Just got the new AES flyer and it's clear to see where the new owners plan to make their money... 3 of the 5 ad pages are all audiophile stuff (ex: "musicaps" which , have leads of "stranded, teflon insulated silver plated copper- a vast improvement over sound deadening solid copper". The cost is impressive. .1uF @ 400 is 7.79\$ apiece...)

Gag.

Does anyone know whether Frontier Capacitor is still in business? I need to renew my supply of poly HV decoupling caps (with their sound deadening solid copper leads).

Hope everyone has a wonderful and happy holiday season.

Merry Christmas

John

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| John Brewer- WB50AU/4
| AMI #24 Vintage Radio Website
| <http://www.old-radios.com>
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Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 13:05:00 -0500
From: BEN NOCK <G4BXD@compuserve.com>
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I am looking for the following for my R4/ARR-2 receiver.

Side cover plate that goes over tuning adjusters

multi pin in-line socket for front connector

an end cap for the set dyno or a complete dyno

cheers, Ben G4BXD.

Message-ID: <386116DD.D0DC2E7B@earthlink.net>
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David,

There is a copious amount of information online at Neil McEwen's site, The Telegraph Office: http://fohnix.metronet.com/~nmcewen/tel_off.html#landline

I have some other sites as well and I will happily send a note if you are interested. The above site with links should be more than you ever wanted to know!

I also highly recommend The Victorian Internet as it deals with exactly the concept that you are mentioning. One theme of the book is the world connectedness brought about by the telegraph. There are news accounts of the time likening the telegraph network to a global nervous system. This is a well written, short, and very engaging little book which I'm sure you

will enjoy.

Cheers,
Ken, N6TZV

knepper wrote:

> Could someone please give me a little background on the use of
> telegraphy on the railroad, particularly, those men who were
> telegraphers along the tracks in those small signalling buildings. I
> knew of a ham who lived in Summerville, PA and worked for the
> Pennsylvania Railroad as a telegrapher until his retirement in the
> 60's. I am suggesting in a short paper that this notion of "connected
> communities" using the Internet had its inception, perhaps, with the
> miles of wire strung overhead on those poles and glass insulators
> between towns located on a railraod siding long before the advent of the
> T-1 lines, etc. Your thoughts would be appreciated on this theme.
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